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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TANKER COLLISION OFF KUWAIT COAST

LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MAY 13 COLLISION OF NATIONALIST CHINA-REGISTERED OIL TANKER (THE HI-KWANG) AND A SOUTH KOREAN FREIGHTER. NO LOSS OF LIFE WAS REPORTED, BUT ACCIDENT RESULTED IN SPILLAGE OF "100 TONS" OF FUEL OIL, ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT. CHINESE VESSEL, CHARTERED BY THE CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION, HAD TAKEN ON 28,000 TONS OF FUEL OIL FROM KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY'S LOADING FACILITIES AT SHUAIBA MAY 10. (KNPC IS PRIMARY GOK OIL REFINER.) COLLISION OCCURED APPROXIMATELY 75 MILES SOUTH OF KUWAIT ACCORDING TO KNPC SOURCE (NOT 16 MILES OFF KUWAIT COAST AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS).

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VESSEL THEN LIMPED TO POINT 6 MILES OFF KUBBAR ISLAND (18-20 MILES FROM KUWAIT COASTLINE), WHERE IT IS NOW AWAITING REPAIRS AND TRANSSHIPMENT OF CARGO ONTO ANOTHER TANKER. KNPC, IN PUBLIC STATEMENT, HAS OFFERED ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING DISPATCH OF TANKER TO TRANSSHIP CARGO. (ACCORDING KNPC SOURCE, GOK HAS FORBIDDEN TANKER TO LEAVE ITS PRESENT POSITION UNTIL ITS

CARGO IS TRANSSHIPPED TO AVOID DANGER OF POLLUTION.)
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